

the Mavelikara-Tiruvalla road. If all of them could not be done simultaneously, he requested that bridges be provided at the last four places immediately and a foot bridge constructed at the Mavelikara ferry.

The Member then requested that the following village roads be gravelled :—

1. The road from Mavelikara to Chengannur *via* Thonnakad; and
2. The road from Puthiakavu to Pallikal Travellers' Bungalow.

Lastly, he said that the old bridge at Ayiranikuzhi was removed by the P. W. D. two years ago but had not been re-placed. He requested that the construction of the new bridge might be taken up at once.

Dewan's reply.—An estimate for Rs. 4,570 has been sanctioned for Alamthuru-thi bridge. Another estimate for Rs. 66,000 for the other three bridges has been received and is under consideration. Early action will be taken in regard to the Ayiranikuzhi bridge.

80. Improvement of the means of communication by land and water in the Tiruvalla taluk.

Mr. M. K. Raman Pillai (Member, Tiruvalla taluk) requested,

(1) that bridges or culverts, as might be necessary, be constructed at the seven ferries on the Mavelikara-Tiruvalla road ;

(2) that the roads from Niranam to Viyapuram, from Tiruvalla to Mepral, and from Tiruvalla market to the Manimala river, might be improved and made fit for cart traffic. Of the three roads, the first two were 3 miles each in length and the last only $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles long;

(3) that at least a wooden bridge be constructed across the river at Muttur.

(4) that the portion of the Pampa river between Illimala and Kuthiathodu might be deepened for boat traffic, as during hot weather the small portion of the river about one-fourth of a mile in distance would be filled with sand which rendered boat traffic impossible ; and

(5) that the trace from Podiyadikadavu to Thalavadi and other places might be cleared of all encroachments and made available for public use.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

81. Public works Department and the means of communication in the Tiruvalla taluk.

Mr. N. Narayana Panikkar (Member, Tiruvalla taluk) dilated on the advantages of co-operation between the P. W. Department and the people in the matter of opening new roads and suggested some rules being framed to attain the following objects :—

(1) The section officers should be empowered to survey and peg out the lines of roads on requisitions from the people.

(2) The roads cut entirely at the cost of the people should be grouped under any of the four classes according to their width *i. e.*, 40 ft., 33 ft., 24 ft., and 18 ft., and taken over and maintained by the Government.

(3) In the case of roads so taken up by Government for maintenance, the people should not be compelled to construct culverts and bridges on the road.

(4) The proceeds of the fruit-bearing trees on the sides of such roads should be allowed to be taken by the owners of the lands on which they stand, Government reserving the power to remove any trees found to obstruct traffic.

(5) The Tahsildars should have power to acquire any lands required for such roads under the urgency clause of the Land Acquisition Regulation, on the application of the people.